

August 8, 2012

Citizens of Fort Worth;

RE: North Z Boaz Community Park Master Plan

The Parks and Community Services Department (PACSD) greatly appreciates the community's interest and participation in the development of the North Z Boaz Community Park Master Plan.

A master plan is the first step in park development and is to be used as a general guide for appropriate park uses and vision (10-20 year timeframe) for future development and programming. Issues typically addressed include planned park elements, natural and cultural resource management, and general design concerns. The plan is conceptual in nature and not intended to address detailed issues related to engineered site design or park operations. The plan is just one of many steps in the process that leads to the development of a public park.

The master plan process is certainly a valuable tool in this instance. As noted in the three previous public meetings on the possible closure of the golf course and park master planning, there is presently no funding identified for development of this community park. Each piece of the plan can be built separately as funding is identified with confidence that upon completion, all pieces will fit together.

In addition to the public meeting held on February 21, 2012 to discuss the possible closing of the golf course, various organized neighborhood groups (neighborhood associations), special interest groups and surrounding businesses were invited to public meetings held on July 11, 2012 and August 1, 2012 in order to provide input on desired master plan amenities and to review a schematic master plan. The schematic master plan will be presented to the Parks and Community Services Advisory Board, as an Information Item, on August 22, 2012. The final Master Plan will be brought back to the Board on September 26, 2012 for endorsement. This step serves to culminate the master plan process and officially establishes the vision for the North Z Boaz Community Park.

Master Plan Amenities -- the following are some of the amenities currently included in the plan and their associated (estimated) cost:

- Dog Park with lighting - \$190,000
- Skate Park - \$2 Million
- Large/Special Use Playground - \$500,000
- Regular Playground - \$145,000

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- Covered Community Activity/Multi Court Area -- \$400,000
- 140 Stall Parking Lot - \$420,000
- 130 Stall Parking Lot - \$390,000
- Uncovered Basketball Court - \$100,000/each
- Enhanced Neighborhood Family Aquatic Center - \$4 Million
- Typical Park Shelter (24' x 24') w/furnishings (picnic tables) - \$30,000/each

Currently Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is in the process of bringing all of the individual components of the master plan together and developing an overall estimated cost as it relates to this specific site. The estimated master plan cost will be included in the August 22, 2012 presentation to the Parks and Community Services Advisory Board. As funding and scope of development is identified, detailed plans for construction will be prepared and more precise cost will be determined.

I would like to thank you again for your valuable participation in this public process and encourage you to remain proactive in the development of the future of the City of Fort Worth parks system.

Sincerely,



Richard Zavala, Director
City of Fort Worth Park and Community Services Department